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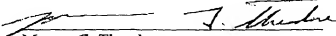
Sir:

Responsive to the Non-Final Office Action mailed 11/10/03, an office conference is requested with the Examiner to discuss the *Eppich* reference before a formal response is filed to insure that Applicant is employing the same terminology for the parts as is the Examiner. Specifically, Applicant seeks to adopt a common language to point out the following differences between Applicant's invention and the *Eppich* reference shown in the attached table.

Applicant's attorney will be in Washington, D.C the week of December 20, 2003, and would be able to meet with the Examiner on the 22, 23, or 24, if convenient. If not, a telephone conference is requested to clarify the terminology used by the Examiner so that Applicant can more meaningfully respond to the last office action with similar language. It is apparent from the last office action that the Examiner is using the terminology in the claims in a manner not contemplated by applicant as the two devices function in different manners and have differing scopes of application.

In addition, the file should reflect that Applicant will be filing formal black and white drawings in conformance with the Examiner's requirements and therefore will not seek permission for the utilization of colored drawings. This requirement for formal drawings is again requested to be deferred until completion of the action on the merits. _____

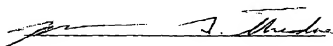
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Part Reference	Components	Cover Used With	Reference Comparison	Cover Contact Forces	Liquid/Dust
Epoch	two part modular housing for electronic components having: a box-like lower base unit containing electronic components, and an upper surface including a key board, styl reader display, etc. in the upper surface and a cover with sidewalls forming an opening enclosing the upper surface, when closed, such that its sidewalls fit within grooves in the top of the lower base unit	only with Epoch base unit fitting in grooves in lower base unit	Integral part of modular Epoch housing	Directed onto top of lower surface of base unit housing electronic components possibly affecting circuitry	Directed onto top of lower surface of base unit possibly accumulating in top grooves of modular housing
Krisstevens	cover with sidewalls forming an opening enclosing and surrounding an entire bank card terminal such that its sidewalls rest on an independent support surface supporting the bank card terminal in a manner to isolate the bank card terminal	any bank card terminal	Non-Integral with bank card terminal	Directed onto non-integral support surface without contacting bank card terminal or affecting it	Directed onto support surface away from the bank card terminal